

FINAL

BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

There was a regular meeting of the Bloomfield Town Council held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 in Council Chambers, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Present were: Mayor Sydney Schulman, Deputy Mayor Joan Gamble, Councilors Joseph Washington, Wayne Hypolite, Patrick DeLorenzo, Joel Neuwirth, Derrick Seldon and Leon Rivers

Also present were: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager, Sharron Howe, Assistant to the Town Manager and India M. Rodgers, Clerk of Council

Absent was: Councilor Joseph Merritt

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ANNOUCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation for Mental Health Awareness Month

Mayor Schulman presented Mrs. Camilla Jones, Director of Social & Youth Services with a proclamation in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month during the month of May.

CITIZENS STATEMENT & PETITIONS

There were no citizens' statements or petitions.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES

Community Services – Councilor Seldon reported that the Postal Food Drive held on May 9, 2015 was a huge success for the Bloomfield Food Bank. Bloomfield Social & Youth Services collected over 8,500 pounds of non-perishable food items.

Finance – This subcommittee met on May 18, 2015 to discuss fourth quarter transfers and the status of year-end FY 2014/2015 budget, Councilor Hypolite gave a brief update regarding the FY 2015/2016 budget. There are currently no deficits in the current year's budget and there will be a nominal surplus going into next year. The subcommittee also discussed options for financing renovations of town infrastructure.

Land Use & Economic Development – This subcommittee met on May 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The committee discussed blighted properties both residential and commercial. Deputy Mayor Gamble reported that there is some interest in the property rear of the Board of Education. A private non-profit would like to build 120 units of affordable housing for seniors. The drainage and sewage issues on South Cottage Grove Road area was also discussed. Deputy Mayor Gamble also stated that town administration, Economic Development Commission and Goman & York are working in collaboration on branding the Town of Bloomfield.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councilor Neuwirth, seconded by Councilor Seldon and voted unanimously to add Item 14/15-61: Consider and Take Action Regarding Appointment to the Town, Plan and Zoning Commission (TPZ).

OLD BUSINESS

FY 14/15-58: Consider and Take Action Regarding Adoption of Resolution (Partial Replacement of the Roof) at the Board of Education Facility

The Council reviewed the minutes of last Council meeting, May 11, 2015 and it was noted that the Council approve the resolution for the Board of Education to do a partial replacement of the roof. They also approved the appointment of a building committee as requested by the Board of Education: William Guzman, Wayne Casper and Sandy Braun.

FY 14/15-59: Consider and Take Action Regarding Acceptance of the Conservation Easement for the Deringer-Ney Site at 353 Woodland Avenue

It was moved by Councilor Neuwirth, seconded by Councilor Rivers and voted unanimously to postpone this item to the next scheduled Council meeting, June 8, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 14/15-60: Review/Discussion/Action: Adoption of Resolution – Year-End Transfers

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Hypolite and voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: In accordance with Section 908 of the Town of Bloomfield Charter, the below transfer of

appropriations be approved:

The amounts below are free from encumbrances in the 2014-15 General Fund budget:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT/FUNCTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1-160	Town Attorney	\$15,000
1-301	Planning & Development	\$15,000
1-241	Elections	<u>\$ 6,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$36,000

The above amounts are to be transferred to the following departments in the 2014-15 General Fund budget:

<u>TO</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT/FUNCTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1-401	Public Works	\$30,000
1-120	Town Manager	<u>\$ 6,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$36,000

Be it further resolved, that the Town Manager is authorized to transfer any unencumbered departmental balances that may exist to the Town's Other Employment Benefit Trust Fund (Fund 56).

FY 14/15-61: Consider and Take Action Regarding Appointment to the Town, Plan and Zoning Commission (TPZ)

It was moved by Councilor Hypolite, seconded by Councilor Neuwirth and voted unanimously to appointment Barbara Reid to the Town, Plan and Zoning Commission (TPZ) for a term ending November, 2015.

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND TOWN MANAGER

Mayor's Report

- On May 12, 2015, an Economic Development Commission (EDC) meeting was held to discuss the Bloomfield Town Center and surrounding businesses.
- On May 13, 2015, Mayor Schulman attended the CRCOG Executive Committee meeting.
- On May 16, 2015, Mayor Schulman and other Councilors attended the 250th Anniversary Celebration of St. Andrews Church.
- On May 18, 2015, CPTV hosted a special dinner program regarding the Clean Water Project of the Metropolitan District Commission.
- On May 19, 2015, Mayor Schulman and several Councilors attended the Police & Youth recognition event sponsored by Bloomfield Social & Youth Services.
- On May 20, 2015, Bloomfield High School hosted an event honoring retiring teachers with and special recognition certificates for 25, 30 and 35 years of service as an educator.
- On May 21, 2015 at 4:00 p.m., a Grand Opening was held for a new business in town entitled "Lens Only" located at 812 Park Avenue.
- On May 25, 2015, Bloomfield Leisure Services hosted the Annual Memorial Day Parade with a 5K Run, Cemetery Memorial and other activities on the Town Green. This event was a huge success with many parade spectators and local service honorees.

- On May 26, 2015, Mayor Schulman and other Councilors attended the Volunteer Recognition Banquet sponsored by Bloomfield Social & Youth Services. It was noted that many volunteers dedicated 30-250 hours of their time to serve Bloomfield youth and programs.
- On May 27, 2015, Mayor Schulman will attend the CRCOG Executive Committee meeting.
- On May 29, 2015, the Bloomfield Alliance (ABC) group will host their Annual Graduation Celebration.
- On June 2, 2015, Bloomfield High School will host their Annual Awards Ceremony for students who have received honors and special recognition.
- On June 14, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., a Mayor's Brunch will be held at the Wintonbury Hills Golf Course honoring Mrs. Yvette Huyghue-Pannell, Director of the Senior Center.

Town Manager's Report

Mr. Philip K. Schenck, Town Manager reported the following updates to the Town Council:

- Mr. Schenck, Jr. reported that tax bills will be sent out in June 2015. Tax bills will be due on July 1, 2015.
- Mr. Schenck, Jr. informed residents to apply or renew their dog licenses with the Town Clerk's Office.
- On June 4, 2015, the planting day of the Beautification Committee will take place with the assistance of the Public Works Department. If anyone is interested, they can contact the Town Manager's Office for more details.
- It was noted that the street sweeping and crack sealing program is upon completion for the season.
- Mr. Schenck, Jr. mentioned that there are several vacant positions with the Town of Bloomfield. Residents are urged to apply. Please visit the town website, www.bloomfieldct.org or come in to apply at Human Resources.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Neuwirth and voted unanimously to approve minutes of May 11, 2015.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor DeLorenzo reminded residents to donate to the Bloomfield Food Bank. He also encouraged residents to participate in the week long activities for “Celebrate Bloomfield”. Councilor DeLorenzo also encouraged residents to support their students at the Bloomfield High School – Award Program on June 2, 2015.

Councilor Neuwirth reiterated the upcoming events of “Celebrate Bloomfield”, which will begin on May 30 – June 6, 2015. He also personally thanked Leisure Services for a job well done with the Memorial Day Parade.

Deputy Mayor Gamble and Councilor Rivers promoted and also encouraged residents to participate in all of the events/activities for “Celebrate Bloomfield”. They also commended all of the volunteerism of residents in town.

Councilor Seldon stated that on May 29, 2015, the Bloomfield Senior Center along with the American Red Cross will sponsor a Blood Drive. He encouraged residents to volunteer and donate blood.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:10 p.m., it was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Neuwirth and voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session A. – Evaluation of the Town Manager with the Town Council.

At 8:42 p.m., it was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Neuwirth and voted unanimously to exit Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:43 p.m., it was moved by Councilor DeLorenzo, seconded by Councilor Seldon and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.